

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the last paragraph on page 3 of the Specification beginning at line 14 and continuing to page 4, line 3 as follows:

A fill-limit and tank ventilation control system is needed that vents fuel vapor from the vapor space in a fuel tank during early stages of refueling but blocks introduction of any and all liquid fuel in excess of a maximum volume so as to preserve a minimum volume of the vapor space in the fuel tank once the fuel tank is filled to its maximum capacity with fuel. Ideally, this fill-limit and tank ventilation control system could be included as one component in a comprehensive ORVR vehicle fuel system to manage fuel vapor recovery during all phases of vehicle use. One attempt to address this requirement is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Number 10/260,722, filed September 30, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,758,235. However, a relatively uncomplicated ORVR system design is needed in which the sealing elements are in a spaced-apart arrangement such that the sealing elements touch only during specific fuel conditions to prevent undesirable wear and tear on the sealing elements.